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## **INFORMATIONAL LETTER #2002-6**

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**TO:** ALL HOSPITALS

**FROM:** DEBBY RANSOM, R.N., R.H.I.T., Chief

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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF HOSPITAL ADMISSION AND PRESURGICAL

HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of this letter is to provide clarification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) related to hospital admission and pre-operative history and physical (H&P) examination requirements and guidance regarding the timing of H&Ps for hospital admissions.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Creswell, Supervisor of Non Long Term Care at 208/334-6626.

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cc: Idaho Hospital Association